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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Home Health Agencies, Nurses in Independent Practice, Individual Medical Supply Providers, Medical Equipment Vendors, Nursing Homes, Personal Care Agencies, Pharmacies, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

FROM: Peggy B. Handrich 
Division of Health Care Financing

SUBJECT: Wisconsin Medicaid Disposable Medical Supplies Handbook

The Division of Health Care Financing is pleased to provide you with a copy of the new Wisconsin Medicaid Disposable Medical Supplies Handbook.

All policies in this handbook are effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2003. The January 1, 2003, effective date allows providers time to become familiar with the new handbook.

The Disposable Medical Supplies Handbook incorporates all current Wisconsin Medicaid disposable medical supplies information into a single reference source that is easy to use and understand. It replaces almost all prior disposable medical supplies publications. It does **not** replace:

- *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* (2002-43), "Changes to the Disposable Medical Supplies Index/Maximum Allowable Fee Schedule."
- The All-Provider Handbook and all-provider *Updates*.
- The Durable Medical Equipment Handbook.
- The Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- Wisconsin Statutes.

Subsequent changes to the disposable medical supplies policy will be published, first in *Updates*, and then in Disposable Medical Supplies Handbook revisions.

We would like to thank everyone who reviewed this handbook, including the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin, Rehab Concepts, Walgreens Health Initiatives, Westhill Rehab, and the Wisconsin Association of Medical Equipment Suppliers.

Additional Copies of Publications

All *Updates* and the Disposable Medical Supplies Handbook can be downloaded from the Medicaid Web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/.

Other Sources of Information

This handbook replaces the disposable medical supply information contained in the Durable Medical Equipment Handbook and *Update* (97-03), “Disposable medical supplies quantity limits.”